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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:	
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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION	
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:	
TITLE OF INVENTION	
SURGICAL SUTURING APPARATUS WITH MEASUREMENT STRUCTURE	
SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION	
the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c)) (a) [X] is attached hereto. (b) [] was filed on as [] Serial No or [] Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known and was amended (if applicable). (c) [X] was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/US03/31640 filed on 06 October 2003 and as amended under PCT Article 19 on (if any).	
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.	
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).	n ir

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FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM				
[] I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.				
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